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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 12th February 1958.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Procurement of rice

* 8 *Q*.—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to procure one lakh tons of rice within the State;

(*b*) if so, whether the procurement will be made on behalf of the Government of India or the Government of Madras; and

(*c*) the price at which and the machinery through which procurement will be made?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) In view of the answer to clause (*a*) above, these questions do not arise.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know, Sir, whether there was any proposal to purchase rice in the open market?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There was a proposal, Sir, to purchase from the Tanjore district 25,000 tons of rice in order to return the loan taken from the Government of India in the matter of supplies to Fair Price Shops. That was the purpose of the proposed procurement. Now, the Government do not propose to pursue the proposal.

Travellers' bungalows and rest-houses in the State

* 9 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the question of introduction of a uniform nomenclature for Travellers' Bungalows, Rest-Houses, etc., in the State and, if so, when the change will be introduced?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Finance) : The question is under consideration of the Government. The change will be introduced as early as possible.